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Lumber Enterprise and Sawmill

1. The Sumsko Industrijsko Poduzece Pilana (Industrial Lumber Enterprise and Sawmill) which is under the control and jurisdiction of the Council for Agriculture and Forestry, is located in Okucani, Pakrac district of Croatia. The new lumber plant and sawmill, which was constructed in 1950 to replace an old sawmill, is situated as follows:
 - a. South of the Zagreb - Belgrade railway line;
 - b. North of the Bodegraji - Gornji Bogicevac highway, parallel with the railway line;
 - c. West of the Bodegraji - Kraljevo highway; and
 - d. East of the Okucani - Starigrad highway.

Personnel

2. Approximately 1,000 individuals are employed at the enterprise; about 10 per cent of them are Communist Party members. These workers are assigned as follows:
 - a. Some 250 skilled workers in the sawmill;
 - b. Some 250 unskilled workers in the sawmill;
 - c. Some 500 workers assigned to loading and unloading cars; and
 - d. Some 25 office and administrative employees.

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3. The present administrative employees have been unidentified. The former director of the enterprise was Stevan (Stevica) Gurdan, an ardent Communist, who was demoted in September 1952 for selling three carloads of first class lumber [] as second class lumber. In return for this deal, Gurdan received a radio set and a gold bracelet for his wife []. Gurdan was not arrested, but was transferred to a sawmill at Pakrac, where he presently holds the position of chief of an unspecified section. Two other administrative employees were involved in the Gurdan deal; one of them, Vrabac (fnu), former head of the sales office, also an ardent Communist, received 50 pairs of nylon hose [].

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4. Workers of the enterprise who are members of the Yugoslav Communist Party have the following special duties:
- a. To maintain a close surveillance on co-workers and report to the administrative officers anyone who expresses dissatisfaction. These persons are either fired or arrested;
 - b. To control the work of the other employees;
 - c. To attend church services and report the sermons heard to the Secretary of the Party section at the enterprise; and
 - d. To report conversations of the persons who live in the vicinity of the enterprise.

Work shifts and Wages

5. The enterprise operates on two different work shifts. The first from 5:00 - 13:30 hours, with one half hour for lunch; and the second, a straight shift from 14:00 - 22:00 hours.
6. New wage schedules, which have been in effect since July and August 1952, have been described as follows:
- a. Ordinary workers: 39 dinars per hour;
 - b. Partially-skilled workers: 45 dinars per hour;
 - c. Skilled workers: 55 dinars per hour; and
 - d. Section chiefs: 15,000 - 16,000 dinars per month.

In addition to their regular wages, workers receive a bonus of 3,000 dinars per month for every child. Workers who are childless do not qualify for this bonus.

Raw Material and Production

7. Timber processed by the enterprise is obtained from forests in the Psunj Planina district and surrounding areas. The enterprise produces planks, railway sleepers and an unspecified quantity of crude lumber. The first quality lumber is exported, [] while the second class lumber is destined for home markets. The majority of the railway sleepers are shipped [] the remainder is used by Yugoslav railways.

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Security Measures

8. For protection against fires, the enterprise is equipped with one horse-drawn motor pump and a quantity of foam fire extinguishers situated in various parts of the enterprise. Some 20 guards are assigned to protect

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the premises. The men assigned to day sentry duty are armed with revolvers, while those assigned to night guard duty are armed with ordinary repeater rifles.

Buildings and Installations

9. The enterprise consists of a number of buildings which have been described as follows:
 - a. A two-story brick building with a gabled tile-covered roof, some 15 x 7 meters in size, which houses the administrative offices. The first floor is partially underground. The meetings of the enterprise Communist Party cell are held here;
 - b. A one-story masonry building with a gabled tile-covered roof, some 15 x 5 meters in size, occupied by the workers' club. This building contains a meeting room, a ball room and a game room;
 - c. A one-story masonry building with a gabled tile-covered roof, some 12 x 5 meters in size, which houses the enterprise restaurant;
 - d. A two-story masonry building with a gabled tile-covered roof, some 15 x 10 meters in size, which is used as a storage depot for harnesses for draught horses, fodder, oil and equipment for the various enterprise machines and construction materials;
 - e. Three one-story masonry buildings with gabled tile-covered roofs, each approximately 12 x 8 meters in size, which serve as living quarters for enterprise workers. Each of the buildings has four complete two room apartments;
 - f. A brick and frame building with a gabled tile-covered roof, approximately 30 x 12 meters in size, with a capacity for 60 horses, used as a stable for the horses attached to the lumber enterprise and sawmill. Horses used to transport timber from the forests, which would normally be kept in the woods, are housed in this stable if they are hurt or ailing. Fodder for the horses is stored in the stable loft. A press for packing bales of hay is located near this building.
 - g. A one-story frame building with gabled roof covered with tarred paper, some 50 x 50 meters in size, which houses the sawmill. The roof is supported by two rows of wooden columns inside the building. These columns divide the interior into three equal parts. Each of these contains the following electric-powered equipment:
 - (1) One multiple (Gatter) saw with a maximum capacity of 20 blades;
 - (2) Three saws for cutting the oval part of the trunk;
 - (3) One saw for trimming sides of planks;
 - (4) One saw for cutting the ends of beams;
 - (5) One circular; and
 - (6) Two saws for cutting lumber in parquet shapes.

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- h. A cement block building approximately 20 x 10 meters in size, which houses the electric power station and a small machine shop. The building has a reinforced concrete roof, one side of which is gabled. The higher wall has large windows, and a small chimney is situated on the southeastern corner of the building. A 160 horsepower electric motor is allegedly situated in the building.
 - i. A cement block flat-roofed building, approximately 40 x 12 meters in size, which houses the narrow-gauge railway machine shop;
 - j. A cement block flat-roofed building with a gabled tile-covered roof, approximately 12 x 12 meters in size. This building and the previously mentioned one house machine shops for the repair and maintenance of equipment for the narrow-gauge railway which is attached to the enterprise. The railway is used to transport timber from the forests. Installed in the machine shops is the following electric-powered equipment:
 - (1) One drill;
 - (2) One lathe;
 - (3) One iron and steel cutting machine;
 - (4) One grinding and polishing machine;
 - (5) Three work benches; and
 - (6) One circular saw for cutting logs destined for fuel for the narrow gauge railway locomotive.
 - k. An unspecified number of one-story cement block buildings with gabled, tile-covered roofs, each approximately 14 x 10 meters in size, which serve as quarters for administrative personnel, labor union leaders and Party cell leaders at the enterprise. Each building contains four apartments of two or three rooms;
 - l. A narrow-gauge railway leads to the enterprise. The railway line, used to transport timber from the forests to the lumber mill, is equipped with three small, wood-fired locomotives and an unspecified number of small railway cars;
 - m. An uncovered area, approximately 200 x 80 meters in size, for the storage of timber and sawed lumber;
 - n. The entire compound of buildings and installations is surrounded by a wooden palisade.
10. Attached hereto are a sketch and respective legend of the lumber mill buildings and installations.

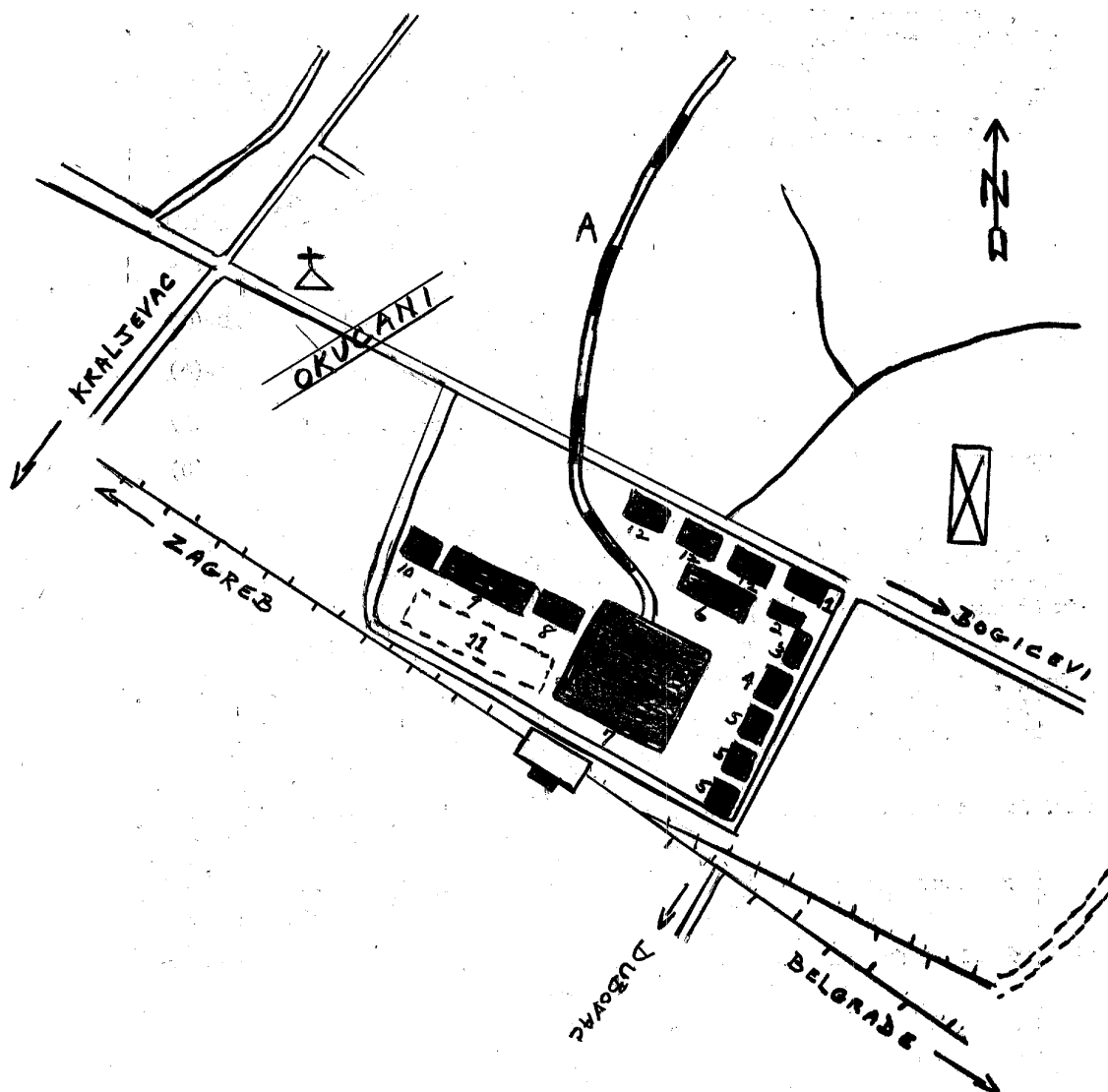
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SKETCH OF LUMBER ENTERPRISE AND SAWMILL AT OKUGANI (CROATIA)



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LEGEND

1. Administrative offices
2. Workers' club
3. Restaurant
4. Storage depot
5. Workers' housing
6. Stables and fodder storage depot
7. Sawmill
8. Electric power plant and small machine shop
9. Railway line machine shop
10. Railway line machine shop
11. Uncovered timber and lumber storage depot
12. Housing for administrative personnel

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